

**P-20 Council
Steering Committee Meeting
August 14, 2006
10:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Location: 1820 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona

P-20 Members Present: Dr. Rufus Glasper, Dr. Jim Zaharis, Dr. Sybil Francis and Kristen Rex

Staff & Guests: Debra Raeder, Dr. Cheri St. Arnauld, Becky Hill, and Darcy Renfro

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Dr. Glasper called the meeting to Order at 10:10 a.m., welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2006; June 7, 2007

Kristen Rex moved approval of the June 1 and June 7, 2006 meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sybil Francis and unanimously approved.

3. Update – Governor’s NGA Initiative

Becky Hill provided the Committee with an update on the Governor’s NGA Initiative. The Governor was elected as NGA Chair at the summer conference held in early August. The Governor’s initiative as Chair of NGA is being called *Innovation America* and will focus on three areas: increasing and strengthening math and science education for all K-12 students and increasing the preparation of math and science teachers (capacity); university research and innovation systems; and improving and maximizing the rate of discovery and innovation in America. Becky explained that the primary component for the K-12 piece of the Initiative will be math and science academies. Becky emphasized that the work the P-20 Council is currently engaged in relates directly to the Initiative and blends well with the math and science focus of the Council, as well as the Council’s focus on aligning education with workforce needs. The Initiative will be more formally launched in December. Becky also explained that there are numerous questions about how P-20 and Innovation America relate to each other and indicated that the Governor’s Office will do a FAQ paper. Dr. Glasper suggested that the FAQs page be included in the next newsletter.

4. Review/Discussion of Retreat Vision and Goals

Staff and the Committee reviewed the Vision statement developed from the direction and input at the Council Retreat. After lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed to present the following vision statement regarding alignment to the P-20 Council for view and approval:

The freshman class of 2012 will be the first class of high school graduates work and college ready for the 21st Century.

The Committee reviewed the information presented regarding the five goals and strategies to implement the goals developed at the Retreat. Debra indicated the strategies had been condensed from the three breakout groups and consisted of all of the input that had the ability to be measured. The Committee agreed to move this information as presented to the P-20

Council for review and discussion noting that the Committees would need to immediately finalize the strategies, develop priorities and a timeline for implementation. See attachment.

5. Review/Discussion of Committee Structure

The Committee reviewed the new Committee Structure presented by Staff. After discussion, the Committee agreed to move the following Committee structure, designed to address each of the five goals, to the Council for review and approval:

Steering Committee (chaired by Dr. Glasper)

Education Alignment Committee (Chair TBD); Role (**Goal 1**): To systemically address educational alignment in programs and policies from preschool, K-12 and postsecondary education into life-long learning opportunities.

Education/Workforce Pathways Committee (chaired by Dr. Jim Zaharis) Role (**Goal 2**): Create vehicles for students to achieve the new graduation requirements; integrate relevance and skills needed in high schools through career technical education and assessment; create awareness of career opportunities available and 9-12 preparation necessary to pursue these opportunities after graduation that will meet the needs of growing industries in Arizona.

Communications Committee (TBD); Role (**Goal 3**): Ensure student success through parent and student support. Develop a communications and branding strategy.

Teacher Capacity Committee (chaired by Dr. John Haeger); Role (**Goal 4**): Increase teacher capacity and supply.

Data & Assessment Committee (chaired by Dr Sybil Francis); Role (**Goal 5**): Build a robust assessment system and expand data capacity to enable data-driven decision making for improving high school graduation rates and alignment of the P-20 educational pipeline; and linking data systems across the entire education pipeline from preschool through postsecondary education.

Adolescent Literacy Committee (chaired by Kristen Rex) Role (**Grant**): Implement the NGA grant for adolescent literacy by developing a state literacy plan; building school and district capacity to identify and assess struggling readers' specific needs; and building public awareness of the adolescent literacy crisis

6. Review of P-20 Council Agenda – August 22, 2006

Debra briefly review the Council Agenda for the August 22, 2006 meeting noting that this meeting was designed to have discussion on the information from the Retreat, and a presentation from Mike Cohen from Achieve Inc.

7. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the Public to address the Committee.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Dr. Glasper adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m..